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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Release of NSCID-5 for Inclusion in Compilation of Intelligence Directives

1. On 27 February 1953, you approved that a loose-leaf Compilation of NSC and DCI intelligence directives be furnished to elements of CIA and to the IAC agencies, with the injunction that the Compilation was to be controlled as a sensitive document and be available to those whose duties required its use. D-715

2. Eighty-five copies of the Compilation were originally disseminated, with 25 furnished to the IAC agencies and 60 to CIA elements. The AD/CD is charged with honoring requests for additional copies on a need-to-know basis and to date has released 41 additional copies, both within and without CIA. Consequently, 126 copies are now released to the recipients indicated in TAB "A".

3. The idea to compile and distribute our basic intelligence directives stemmed in part from the fact that the then incoming national administration reacted favorably to a comparable compilation prepared for it in late 1952. That compilation included all directives except NSCID's 5 ("Espionage and Counter-espionage Operations," TS), and 9 ("Communications Intelligence," TS), which were included in President-Elect Eisenhower's copy only. When you approved the production and issuance of our present Compilation, these two directives were not included; rather a page for each stated that these directives were "omitted for security reasons," and the IAC agencies were informed that "directives concerning sensitive matters (NSCID's 5 and 9)" were not reproduced in the Compilation. In the I. G. Survey of OCI submitted to you 21 March, it is recommended that NSCID 9 be released for inclusion in the Compilation.

4. On 11 January 1955, you issued DCID No. 5/1, "Coordination of the Foreign Clandestine Collection Activities of the Armed Services with Those of the Central Intelligence Agency" (Secret). This directive has been circulated for inclusion in the Compilation.

5. The issuance of DCID 5/1 naturally directs attention to NSCID 5, an important phrase of which it seeks to define and implement. This raises the question whether it is longer valid to exclude NSCID 5 from the Compilation. In my opinion, both the utility of the Compilation and progress under DCID 5/1 would be substantially increased by the inclusion of NSCID 5, which is not so sensitive as to be inappropriate to make available in this form to the limited number of senior officials involved.

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6. The Chief/FI non-concurs for the reasons stated in TAB "B", to which Mr. Helms has added "It is my understanding that the Director is anxious to restrict to a minimum the number of people who have access to #5 and #5412."

7. I recommend that you authorize the release of NSCID 5 for inclusion in the Compilation of Intelligence Directives.

SIGNED

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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